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1. SUMMARY. THE UNDP SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON TCDC, MEETING FOR THE SECOND TIME, 1) DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE; 2) CONDUCTED A BRIEF, INCONCLUSIVE REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TCDC (DP/69); 3) AGREED THAT THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON TCDC SHOULD ACT AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE AND 4) AGREED THAT THE CONFERENCE BE HELD FROM 23 AUGUST TO 6 SEPTEMBER 1977 IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING FOR THE SECOND TIME, THE UNDP SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON TCDC HEARD A POSITIVE INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT  
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ON TCDC BY THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR IN WHICH HE REITERATED

HIS PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE CONCEPT OF TCDC; DECLARED THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH UN AGENCIES TO ASSURE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF TCDC MOVED AHEAD FASTER; AND PLEDGED HE WOULD DO HIS UTMOST TO MAKE THE WORLD TCDC CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR A SUCCESS.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISIONS OF THE TWENTIETH AND TWENTY-FIRST SESSIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, THE COMMITTEE HAD TWO MAJOR ISSUES BEFORE IT: ONE WAS THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE; THE OTHER WAS A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TCDC.

4. MEMBERS COMMENDED THE RESULTS OF THE ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL MEETINGS ALREADY HELD PREPARATORY TO THE CONFERENCE ON TCDC. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE BANGKOK MEETING IDENTIFIED SEVERAL AREAS ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR TCDC ACTIVITIES WHILE THE LIMA MEETING PROPOSED A MAJOR TCDC PROJECT AMONG MEMBERS

OF THE REGION, TO BE ASSISTED AND FINANCED BY UNDP. WHILE TCDC HAD BEEN ADVANCED AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, IN THE VIEW OF SOME MEMBERS MORE INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION WAS NEEDED.

5. THE COMMITTEE THEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH DP/202, ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE, MOST ESPECIALLY CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS, CONFERENCE FINANCING ISSUES, CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION, CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS (WITH NEW EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM AND PRIVATE ENTITIES), THE PROPOSED PROVISIONAL AGENDA, AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES.

6. AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS RAISED AND DECISIONS TAKEN WERE:

A) WITH RESPECT TO THE CONFERENCE ON TCDC, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ARGENTINA ANNOUNCED THAT THE INVITATION HAD NOW BEEN FORMALIZED IN DOCUMENT A/31/82.

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LATER THE COUNCIL PROPOSED THAT THE CONFERENCE BE HELD FROM 23 AUGUST TO 6 SEPTEMBER, 1977 IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

B) IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON TCDC SHOULD ACT AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE, WITH THE LATTER OPEN TO OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD

BE TWO, AND POSSIBLY THREE MEETINGS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

C) THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD DEVOTE THE FIRST WEEK OF ITS TWENTY-THIRD SESSION TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ITS WORK.

D) VARIOUS MEMBERS, WHILE EXPRESSING THEIR AWARENESS OF UNDP'S FINANCIAL STRINGENCIES, NONETHELESS VOICED CONCERN LEST THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE FALL SHORT OF MEETING ALL ACTUAL NEEDS.

E) THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SECRETARIAT IN THE VIEW OF ITS EXTENSIVE WORLD CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE.

F) MEMBERS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ONE CLEAR AND CONCISE SUMMARY PRESENTATION FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION.

G) THE VIEW WAS EXPRESSED THAT SOME OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS READ MORE LIKE STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE THAN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND THAT IT NEEDED TO BE REVISED AND EXPANDED.

H) IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL RECOMMEND THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (OPI) BE REQUESTED TO MAKE TCDC ONE OF ITS FIVE ITEMS OF SPECIAL EMPHASIS FOR THE YEAR 1977.

I) IT WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT, AS HAD BEEN THE CASE AT THE RECENT HABITAT CONFERENCE, ARABIC SHOULD BE ADDED AS A SIXTH OFFICIAL LANGUAGE FOR THE CONFERENCE.

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7. A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS PUT FORTH BY THE US DELEGATION RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT INCLUDING THAT:

A) THERE WAS NO NEED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PROPOSED UNDP FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS -- AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT;

B) PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS SHOULD ALSO BE INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE;

C) THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN TCDC SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED AGENDA OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE;

D) THAT "SOCIAL" COOPERATION SHOULD ALSO BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED AGENDA WITH "CULTURAL" COOPERATION BEING DELETED; AND

E) THERE BE NO SOUND RECORDINGS MADE OF THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP. AFTER COMPLETING ITS DISCUSSION OF CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS, THE COMMITTEE UNDERTOOK A BRIEF, VERY PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF A FEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TCDC (DP/69). THIS WAS DONE AT THE INSISTENCE OF INDIA AND IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE COMMITTEE DID NOT HAVE A DOCUMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WHICH TO WORK.

9. VERY LITTLE WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE BRIEF, PARTIAL REVIEW WITH ONLY THE FIRST THREE OF THE THIRTY-THREE RECOMMENDATIONS BEING DISCUSSED.

10. MEMBERS WERE THEN ASKED TO SUGGEST GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN DRAWING UP A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO GUIDE THE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW OF ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN JANUARY.

11. THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS WORK BY DRAFTING TWO DETAILED DECISIONS WHICH, ALONG WITH ITS REPORT, WERE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

12. FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, THE ISRAELI OBSERVER TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNCIL'S PROCEEDINGS (WHO HAD TAKEN NO PART IN THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEEDINGS) LODGED A RESERVATION POINTING OUT THAT UNDER THE PARTICIPANT FORMULA PROPOSED FOR THE TCDC WORLD CONFERENCE AN ILLEGAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, THE PLO, WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND AND TO ONCE AGAIN JEOPARDIZE THE WORK OF AN IMPORTANT WORLD CONFERENCE AS HAD BEEN THE CASE AT THE RECENT HABITAT CONFERENCE. THE REMARKS OF THE ISRAELI OBSERVER WERE REBUTTED BY KUWAIT, THE PRC AND THE USSR.ABRAMS

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